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2 April 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED]
Assistant to the Director

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SUBJECT: S. Braude's "Ideological Sputnik" Proposal

1. Attached is a suggested reply, prepared for your signature, to Mr. Braude's letter to the Director of 22 March 1958.

2. We propose cutting off Mr. Braude fairly short because we believe his proposal is quite visionary. He starts out with suggesting a new, non-Communist Russia in which there would be no political parties of any kind. Just how this would be achieved is obscure, but, having been achieved, the system would work on the basis of universal popular elections. Beginning with the population as a whole, a select group would be elected from which, in turn, smaller and smaller groups would be elected until a "truly representative" authority emerged at the top of the pyramid. The result is described as a "happy form of social organization never yet seen in the history of mankind /which will/ kindle in Russian hearts a flame of unheard-of uplift and enthusiasm." As a down payment on this utopia, Mr. Braude requests \$20,000.

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Chief, SR Division

Attachment:

Suggested reply to Mr. Braude

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Mr. Simon Braude

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Dear Mr. Braude:

Referring again to your letter of 22 March and the material contained therein, our experts have looked into your proposal with interest. However, we find that we are in no position to endorse or support such a project, and therefore are unable to help you in obtaining financial assistance for the completion of your study.

Since we examined the material in the original Russian, we have not prepared a translation and therefore regret that we cannot provide you with an English version of the material as you requested.

The original material is returned herewith.

Sincerely,


Assistant to the Director

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25 MAR 1958

Mr. Simon Brände



Dear Mr. Brände:

Thank you for your letter of March 22 transmitting the memorandum you prepared in the Russian language.

After we have had an opportunity to translate and study your paper, I will be in further touch with you about it.

Sincerely,

SIGNED



Assistant to the Director

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SIMON BRAUDE


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Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Str., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

March 22, 1958

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Att.: 

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Dear Mr. 

.I am truly very sorry to send you my memorandum with some delay.

My stay in Washington lasted a little longer than it had been scheduled, while upon arriving in New York I was for a time unwell.

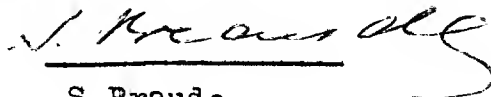
It is very important that the translation should exactly follow my Russian text.

Once more I take the opportunity of pointing out to C.I.A. the utmost importance of my plan THE IDEOLOGICAL "SPUTNIK" and asking you to do everything in order to examine my memorandum as soon as possible.

Be so kind to acknowledge the receipt of this letter as well as send me an English copy of the translation when it will be completed.

Remembering the pleasure of our recent meeting and of my personal contact with you, I remain

Very truly yours


S. Braude

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